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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Antique Motor Vehicles - Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "historic motor vehicle" to include only  
4 vehicles manufactured in a certain model year or later; defining the term  
5 "antique motor vehicle"; providing for the registration of antique motor vehicles;  
6 establishing a registration fee; providing that the registration of an antique  
7 motor vehicle is not transferable; requiring an application for registration as an  
8 antique motor vehicle to contain certain certifications; requiring the Motor  
9 Vehicle Administration to issue a special registration plate for a vehicle  
10 registered under this Act; exempting a vehicle registered as an antique motor  
11 vehicle from certain provisions of law; authorizing a vehicle registered as an  
12 antique motor vehicle to display vintage registration plates; making stylistic  
13 changes; and generally relating to the registration of antique motor vehicles.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Transportation  
16 Section 13-411(h), 13-936, and 13-936.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

19 BY adding to  
20 Article - Transportation  
21 Section 13-939.2  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 13-411.

5 (h) (1) A vehicle registered as a historic [or antique vehicle] (Class L)  
6 VEHICLE OR AN ANTIQUE (CLASS R) VEHICLE in this State or in another state, when  
7 used or driven in this State, may display vintage registration plates as an indication  
8 of the historic or antique nature of the vehicle. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of  
9 this subsection, the place on the vehicle provided for the display of registration plates  
10 may only be used for the display of current registration plates in accordance with  
11 subsections (a) through (c) of this section, and any vintage registration plates which  
12 are used shall be displayed elsewhere on the vehicle.

13 (2) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration  
14 plates in lieu of current registration plates, as provided in § 13-936.1 of this title, the  
15 vintage registration plates shall be displayed as required under subsections (a)  
16 through (c) of this section. However, the current registration plates shall be kept in  
17 the vehicle at all times.

18 13-936.

19 (a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a  
20 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck, MANUFACTURED IN MODEL YEAR 1946 OR  
21 LATER AND that:

22 (1) Is AT LEAST 20 years old [or older];

23 (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original  
24 design; and

25 (3) Meets criteria contained in [rules and] regulations [issued]  
26 ADOPTED by the Administration.

27 (b) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" does not include a vehicle that has  
28 been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

29 (c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic  
30 motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

31 (d) For each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$25.50.

32 (e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section,  
33 the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the  
34 vehicle for which the application is made:

35 (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades,  
36 tours, occasional transportation, and similar uses; and

1 (2) Will not be used:

2 (i) For general daily transportation; or

3 (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on  
4 highways.

5 (f) Except as provided in § 13-936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a  
6 vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue a special, historic motor  
7 vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

8 (g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a  
9 statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the  
10 presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle  
11 registered under this section.

12 (h) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that  
13 requires periodic vehicle inspections or that requires the use and inspection of  
14 emission controls.

15 13-936.1.

16 (a) In this section, "vintage registration plate" means a Maryland registration  
17 plate that was actually issued for display on a motor vehicle in a year not less than 25  
18 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year.

19 (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the owner of a motor  
20 vehicle registered under § 13-936 [or], § 13-937.1, OR § 13-939.2 of this subtitle as a  
21 Class L (historic) [or], Class N (street rod), OR CLASS R (ANTIQUÉ) vehicle may  
22 display 2 vintage registration plates in lieu of current registration plates on that  
23 vehicle.

24 (2) The Administration may authorize the display of 2 vintage  
25 registration plates in lieu of current registration plates on a motor vehicle described  
26 in paragraph (1) of this subsection if:

27 (i) The owner of the motor vehicle submits an application on a form  
28 prescribed by the Administrator;

29 (ii) The 2 vintage registration plates were issued in the same year  
30 as the model year of the motor vehicle; and

31 (iii) The owner of the motor vehicle pays a onetime registration fee  
32 of \$25.50.

33 (c) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration plates  
34 under this section:

1 (1) The vintage registration plates shall remain valid for as long as title  
2 to the motor vehicle remains in the person who submitted an application under  
3 subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section; and

4 (2) A fee in addition to the onetime registration fee prescribed in  
5 subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section is not required for the issuance of the vintage  
6 registration plates.

7 13-939.2.

8 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR  
9 VEHICLE, INCLUDING A PASSENGER VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR TRUCK,  
10 MANUFACTURED IN A MODEL YEAR BEFORE 1946 AND THAT:

11 (I) HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED FROM THE  
12 MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL DESIGN; AND

13 (II) MEETS CRITERIA CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY  
14 THE ADMINISTRATION.

15 (2) "ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

16 (I) A VEHICLE THAT HAS HAD ITS HORSEPOWER OR DIMENSIONS  
17 CHANGED; OR

18 (II) A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN REMANUFACTURED OR  
19 RECONSTRUCTED AS A REPLICA OF AN ORIGINAL VEHICLE.

20 (B) IF REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, AN  
21 ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A CLASS R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE.

22 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR EACH CLASS  
23 R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE, THERE IS A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF ~~\$25.50~~ \$50.00.

24 (2) REGISTRATION OF A CLASS R (ANTIQUE) VEHICLE UNDER THIS  
25 SECTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO A SUBSEQUENT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE.

26 (D) IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OF AN ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE  
27 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE  
28 APPLICATION A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION  
29 IS MADE:

30 (1) WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR USE IN EXHIBITIONS, CLUB ACTIVITIES,  
31 PARADES, TOURS, OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION, AND SIMILAR USES; AND

32 (2) WILL NOT BE USED:

33 (I) FOR GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION; OR

34 (II) PRIMARILY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS OR  
35 PROPERTY ON HIGHWAYS.

1 (E) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-936.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON REGISTRATION  
2 OF A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL  
3 ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE SIZE AND DESIGN THAT  
4 THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES.

5 (F) UNLESS THE PRESENCE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY  
6 REQUIRED BY A STATUTE OF THIS STATE AS A CONDITION OF SALE WHEN THE  
7 VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED, THE PRESENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT IS  
8 NOT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS  
9 SECTION.

10 (G) A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION IS EXEMPT FROM ANY  
11 STATUTE THAT REQUIRES PERIODIC VEHICLE INSPECTIONS OR THAT REQUIRES THE  
12 USE AND INSPECTION OF EMISSION CONTROLS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2005.